report that the people would be relieved of the scarcity of water if the above tanks be filled by extending the Chikdevarayasagar Nala. If the tanks of Kiragaval and Markal be supplied with water from the channel drawn *viâ* Bendravadi, four major tanks as well as lands under the Sulekere tank, proposed to be started as a relief work, will be supplied with water. This will be beneficial to the raiyats who have been paying banjar kandayam on their lands. It is therefore prayed that Government will give their best consideration to the proposal, as the project is not a costly one. By this arrangement the Government would be conferring a boon upon the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—Mr. McHutchin as Assistant Chief Engineer is stated to have expressed the opinion in 1893 that it was possible to give effect to the proposal. This subject was brought up last year also and it was replied that the cost was prohibitive. The matter however will now be further investigated.

SUBJECT No. 348.
Repairs to feeder-channel of Sindikere tank.
Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar of Chamrajnagar.

Summary of discussion.—Of the Sindakere, Doddkere and Chikkere tanks in the Chamrajnagar Taluk, which are fed by channels drawn from Hongalvâdi main channel, those feeding the last two tanks are being repaired annually by the Public Works Department so as to secure full and uninterrupted supply of water, while that of the Sindakere is left unrepaired for years together. Consequently the supply of water to this tank is insufficient and the loss thereby to the raiyats considerable. It is prayed that this feeder channel also like the others be repaired every year, especially as the length of the channel is about two furlongs only.

Reply of Government.—Those interested may represent the matter to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 349.
Bridging "hallas" on the Seringapatam-Sivasamudram road.
Mr. Srinivasaiya, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There are many jungle "hallas" on the Seringapatam-Sivasamudram road. The existence of these is a great inconvenience to the travelling public and to carts. The construction of bridges up to the 11th mile in this road has been completed. It is prayed that "hallas" existing after the 11th mile such as "Murkadahalla," "Attahallyabbagalu," etc., may be bridged soon and that railings put for the Madigalli tank.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the District Board for disposal.

SUBJECT No. 350.
Repairs to the nala of the Bannur tank to be done by Government.
Mr. Srinivasaiya, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Bannur tank receives its water from Chik Devarayasagar Nala. There are more or less 2,000 acres of wet land under this tank and the land

revenue derived therefrom is about Rs. 12,000. This tank has two sluices where from two main channels and one branch channel run. The total length of these is seven or eight miles. It is incumbent upon the raiyats to undertake the annual repairs to these channels, and unless these repairs are executed, water will not be supplied. As the time of annual repairs coincides with that of the cultivating season, the raiyats find it very difficult to attend to this. The repairing season will be over, the quantity of water in the tank will go down, the supply of water to crops will become insufficient; and many raiyats have been consequently sustaining loss every year. The rate of assessment for these lands is higher than the rate for those under Chik Devarayasagar Channel. It is therefore requested that these circumstances may be taken into consideration and orders issued for the execution of repairs to this channel by the Nala Department and for the running of pipes as is done in the case of other nalas.

Reply of Government.—There is no reason for change and it cannot be sanctioned.

SUBJECT No. 351.

Silt-clearance of river channels.

Mr. Srinivasaiya, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The annual repairs and special works are now being done under the supervision of Maramat Department at a heavy outlay. The silt-clearance will not cost more than two per cent of the above expenditure. The Maramat Department instead of undertaking this work compel the land-holders to do it. As this work has to be done just at the time of cultivation, it will not be possible for the cultivators to attend to it. The water will not be allowed to run regularly in the nala and many land-holders in the tail end are ruined. It is therefore prayed that orders may be issued to the Maramat Department to take up silt-clearing work also along with the annual repairs, including it in the estimate for the latter.

Reply of Government.—This subject was only decided the other day, and cannot again be revised.

SUBJECT No. 352.

Extension of the Siriyur Channel in the Hunsur Taluk.

Mr. Narasinga Rio of the Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Siriyur Channel in the Hunsur Taluk runs about ten miles; then the water is allowed to run waste into the river Lakshmantirtha. If the channel is extended by two more miles, about 150 acres of fresh lands will be brought under wet cultivation, besides benefiting the people and increasing the Government revenue by Rs. 500.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to Revenue and Deputy Commissioners.